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SUBJ: MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING AIRCRAFT OPERATING OFF MOROCCAN COAST AND OVER MOROCCAN TERRITORY

REF: RABAT 1729

1. SUMMARY: GOM PLEASE TO LEARN SUPERSONIC PLANE WHICH REPORTEDLY OVERFLEW MOROCCAN TERRITORY NOT AMERICAN. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REFTTEL I REPORTED, INTER ALIA, THAT FONMIN BENHIMA HAD ASKED ME TO LOOK INTO MATTER OF ALLEGED APRIL 14 SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT OF MOROCCO, AND THAT DAO WAS IN PROCESS INQUIRING. AS A RESULT OF DAO'S INQUIRY, USCINCEUR HAS STATED THAT NEITHER NAVEUR NOR USAFE AIRCRAFT WERE FLOWN IN VICINITY OF NOUASSEUR ON APRIL 14, 1973, AND THAT ALL NAVEUR FLIGHTS THAT DATE WERE SUBSONIC AND FLOWN IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE OUTSIDE CLAIMED MOROCCAN TERRITORY.

3. INASMUCH AS BENHIMA IN SPAIN, DATT TRIED TO OBTAIN SECRET

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APPOINTMENT WITH COLONEL KABBAJ. KABBAJ'S OFFICE STATED THAT KABBAJ NOT AVAILABLE FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD BUT THAT LTCOL TERHZAZ DESIRED TO SEE DATT AND GAVE APPOINTMENT FOR APRIL 25. DURING ENSUING FRIENDLY DISCUSSION, DATT STATED THAT NO US MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAD FLOWN IN VICINITY OF NOUASSEUR ON APRIL 14. DATT FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT US POLICY (AS STATED BY USCINCEUR) IS THAT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT VOLUNTARILY UTILIZE ICAO PROCEDURES WHILE OPERATING IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE WHICH IS WITHIN FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) OF A NATION, PROVIDED THEY ARE COMPATIBLE WITH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT. TERHZAZ THANKED DATT FOR REPORT AND STATED THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER QUESTION. HE ALSO TOLD DATT THAT GOM HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NATIONALITY OF PLANE WHICH HAD BEEN PICKED UP ON RADAR IN VICINITY OF NOUASSEUR ON APRIL 14 AND THAT GOM HAD NEVER BELIEVED IT TO HAVE BEEN US.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH DATT.
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